Government to reconsider the shifting of Baliapal test range to a sparsely populated area of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have considered this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Crash of IAF helicopter in Himachal Pradesh

*228 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force helicopter crashed at Nadaun, District Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh on the 8th June;

(b) the number of persons killed in the crash; and

(c) whether any Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four Air Force personnel were killed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Central administrative tribunals in Eastern States

*229. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States;

(b) what difficulties are being faced by Government in setting up these Tribunals in these States; and

(c) the number of pending cases in Central Administrative Tribunal in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government have already set up the Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States such as in Cuttack, Calcutta, Patna and Guwahati.

(b) Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal are set up by Government depending upon the work-load at each place. No specific difficulties are being experienced for setting up of Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in any State.

(c) A total number of 23,639 cases are pending before various Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal as on 30-6-1988.

Re-employment scheme of retired defence service officers

*230. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired officers of the Armed Forces are not satisfied with the re-employment scheme for providing jobs to retiring or retired officers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to give re-employment to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Current instructions permit re-employment of officers upto the rank of Colonel in the Army, Commander in the Navy and Group Captain in the Air Force in the respective Services. Such re-employment is based on the exigencies of requirement of the Services and is generally against vacancies in ranks which are one to three ranks below the ranks in which they retired. The terms of re-employment are known to the officers who opt for such re-employment. There are no reports of dissatisfaction about these. However, certain problems which have arisen regarding fixation of pay of such re-employed officers are under examination.